(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the water crisis is likely to be solved as a result of short term, measures; and

(d) the States which have been benefited thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The Department of Drinking Water Supply is implementing the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) under which funds available to the States every year for supply of drinking water in rural areas. The Department of Urban Development is implementing a similar scheme for supply of drinking water in urban areas. Also, emergency supply of drinking water including transportation of water in urban areas is a legitimate charge on the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF).

The availability of drinking water in some of the States was reviewed recently and steps were taken for movement of drinking water through railway wagons to the affected areas in Rajasthan. The availability of drinking water in various States is constantly monitored.

Development of rice strains

1031. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether super rice strains would be coming this monsoon which would double or treble the present yield; and

(b) if so, the details regarding development of such a variety of rice strains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise, Sir.

Jute production

1032. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of jute production in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the quantity of procurement by JCI during the same period State-wise;

(c) the minimum support price during the corresponding years and the actual prices prevailing during these periods;

(d) whether Government are aware that West Bengal farmers started growing jute at the instance of the Central Government, to save the jute industry; and

(e) whether Government are also aware of complete dismantling of the mandatory Jute (Packaging) Order and the reaction of jute growers thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) State-wise production of Jute alongwith total production in the country during last three years is given at Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) State-wise procurement of jute by the Jute Corporation of India (JCI) under Price Support Scheme during the last three years is given at Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) The Minimum Support Prices (MSP) *vis-a-vis* market prices of jute during last three years in Assam and West Bengal are at Statement-III (*See* belod).

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) There is no complete dismantling of the mandatory jute packaging order. This order is under challenge in W.P.T. 235 of 2002 in High Court at Calcutta in a case titled Indian Jute Mills Association (IJMA) and Others *Vs* Union of India and Others and the matter is presently *sub judice*.

Statement-I

State-wise production of Jute during last three years

Production (in thousand bales of 180 kgs. each)

States	1988-89	1999-2000	2000-01
Assam	687.2	658.0	668.1
Bihar	696.8	1098.3	1070.5

States		1988-89	1999-2000	2000-01
Jharkhand		—	—	1.5
Meghalaya		27.1	31.8	31.8
Nagaland		0.2	0.5	1.2
Orissa		41.6	39.2	36.7
Tripura		10.0	6.8	12.5
Uttar Pradesh		1.0	0.0	0.0
West Bengal		7373.6	7593.7	7248.4
	All India :	8836.5	9428.3	9250.7

Statement-II

State-wise procurement of Jute by Jute Corporation of India (JCI) under Price Support Scheme (PSS) during last three years

Procurement (in thousand bales of 180 kgs. each)

States		1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
West Bengal		48.7	91.8	276.9
Bihar		0.5	13.5	71.4
Assam		5.3	1.3	111.9
Meghalaya		—	—	1.4
Orissa		—	0.4	0.9
Andhra Pradesh		—	—	1.1
Tripura		—	—	—
	TOTAL:	54.5	107.0	463.6

Statement-III

Minimum Support Prices (MSP) vis-a-vis Market Prices (MP) of Jute during the last three years

(RS. Qtl.)

Year	Assam (Now Gaon)		Kolkatta		Raiganj	
	TD-5		TD-5		TD-5	
	MP	MSP	MP	MSP	MP	MSP
1998-99	804	650	914	706	825	683
1999-2000	889	750	968	806	875	783
2000-2001	877	785	1082	848	991	823

MP = Yearly average of month and wholesale prices of Raw Jute.

MSP = Minimum Support Prices.